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SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES

REF: A) BUDAPEST 1925; B) STATE 113647; C) BUDAPEST 2012; D) BUDAPEST 1910

- 1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN REFERENCE A, EMBASSY MAY INFORM KOERNER AT KKI THAT REF B STILL REPRESENTS CURRENT USG POSITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN MEMORANDUM OF DECEMBER 9, 1977 FOR EXPLORATORY S&T EXCHANGES IN 1978, WITH EXCEPTION NOTED IN PARA. 2 BELOW. SPECIFICALLY, AS IN PARA. 5, REF B, AGENCIES HAVE NOT RESPONDED IN DETAIL TO GOH MINISTRIES LISTS OF TOPICS. OES WILL REMIND AGENCIES OF LISTS AT MEETING MAY 24 AND REQUEST THAT THEY USE LISTS TO PLAN ITINERARIES AND GUIDE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS.
- 2. EPA POSITION NOW MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED TO RECEIVE DELEGATION; DOES NOT RULE OUT SENDING DELEGATION.

3. DR. PHILIP MECHANICK OF UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, A RECENT VISITOR TO KKI, RELAYED MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT FROM KOERNER THAT INDICATES KKI MAY

BE CONFUSED OVER POTENTIAL HEW PARTICIPATION IN EXPLORATORY S&T EXCHANGES AND SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASSURE KKI THAT REFERENCE TO HEW/OIH IN PARA. 3 REF B SIGNIFIES INTEREST OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IN COOPERATION COORDINATED BY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (OIH). INDEED, OIH AND FOGARTY CENTER HAVE MOST POSITIVE VIEW OF PROGRAM POTENTIAL.

- 4. IN RESPONSE TO REF C, WINCE OF NSF COMING TO BUDAPEST IN PART AS EXCHANGEE UNDER PROVISIONS OF DECEMBER 9 MEMORANDUM, AS PROPOSED BY DEPTOFFS IN BUDAPEST FEB. 22-23 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B PARA. 3.
- 5. DEPARTMENT REGRETS SHORT NOTICE PREVENTED RECEPTION OF AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION PROPOSED REF D. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNAWARE OF ITS ARRIVAL, WILL SET UP ITINERARY FOR LATER DATE. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO KKI THAT TIMELY ADVANCE AGREEMENT BY BOTH SIDES ON ITINERARIES WILL NOT ONLY HELP ASSURE SUCCESS OF VISITS, BUT WILL ALSO ENABLE ICA/EU TO ARRANGE FUNDING FOR VISITORS TO US AGENCIES WITHOUT RECEIVING SIDE PAYS CAPABILITY. ALSO NEED AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE ON PROGRAM WISHES OF HUNGARIAN VISITORS. VANCE

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